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Who Needs Adopt-a-thons? By Ed Boks

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On Saturday, May 11th, East Valley Animal Care Center supervisor, **Joanne Harder**, sent me an e-mail asking the provocative question, "Who needs Adopt-a-thons?"

I say provocative because for many years AC&C has relied on such gimmicks to promote the adoption of pets. During these special one, two, and three day events AC&C would adopt out as many animals as we now adopt out on any given Saturday.

The citizens of Maricopa County are beginning to recognize what we have known for years, that is AC&C is the pet adoption center of choice!

AC&C has developed many innovative adoption programs to get us where we are today, such as creation of the first municipal no-kill shelter in the nation, The Pet Adoption Center; deployment of the Scratch & Sniff Pet-mobile that takes pets out of the

shelters and into the communities to be adopted, to just name a couple.

But Joanne attributes our success to the concerted efforts of AC&C employees working the **Plus One** program. The **Plus One** program works like this: each day AC&C employees review the adoption numbers for the same day in the previous year, comparing the first Saturday of May 2001 with the first Saturday of May 2002. The goal is to not just meet last year's number but exceed it by at least one more adoption. Thus the name, "**Plus One**".

It's important to remember AC&C numbers in 2001 were record breaking. Exceeding those numbers was considered very daunting. However, nearly every day AC&C adoptions exceed last year's numbers not by one, two, or even three, but by ten, twenty, or thirty.

To give you an example of AC&C's successful adoption program, on the second Saturday of 2001, the day coinciding with the day Joanne sent this e-mail, the AC&C East Valley Animal Care Center adopted 36 pets into loving homes. On the second Saturday of 2002, the East Center adopted a whopping 72 pets.

On Sunday, May 26, I received an e-mail from **Mike Wilster**, West Valley Animal Care Center supervisor, entitled, "Oh, What a Feeling!" On that date AC&C's goal for all three shelters was 47 +1. Actual adoption number was 145! Oh, what a feeling, indeed!

Our goal for the month of May was 1785 +1. Adoptions in May 2002 were 1968, which is an average of + 6 daily! Congratulations AC&C staff for 7 consecutive record breaking adoption months! ♦

Protect your Pet during July 4th

"Thank you, Ed, for letting us fly. We will continue to develop in areas that will blow these numbers off the chart. I'm confident that things will continue to improve."

*Al Aguinaga
Director
AC&C Shelter
Operations*

The 4th of July brings family fun, celebration and fireworks. Too much activity, loud noises and excitement can be frightening to your pet and may cause your pet's behavior to change. To help keep your pet safe and free from frightening situations during the 4th of July:

Keep a license tag on your pet at all times. A license ensures your pet will be returned to you.

Keep your pet inside, in a safe, stress-free area of your home.

Keep doors and gates closed during activities and parties.

If you loose a pet, visit both of our full service animal care centers daily.

Report lost or found pets immediately by calling 1-888-

Pets911 or go to www.1888pets911.org.

Don't overfeed your pet or give them foods they are not used to. Change in diet and holiday stress may cause your pet to become ill.

The 4th of July is a time of celebration—be safe and have fun!

'NEUTER OR SPAY' POSTAGE STAMPS TO BE ISSUED BY U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

"What's the best way to purchase spay/neuter stamps?"

Go to

www.1888pets911.com

and you will find a direct link to www.usps.gov

USPS.gov from our own homepage/stamp section. This use of the single call to action will make it easier for the public to grasp – people already go to 1888pets911.com for spay/neuter information and right there they will also see how to BUY the stamps -- directly at www.usps.gov"

*Chris Warner
President, CEO
Pets911*

WASHINGTON — A charming puppy and kitten will be featured on new 37-cent First-Class Neuter or Spay postage stamps to be issued by the U.S. Postal Service on Sept. 20, 2002.

The Neuter or Spay stamp first day of issue ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. (MDT) on Friday, Sept. 20 during a luncheon at The National Humane Conference. This 125th annual conference is a celebration of the American Humane Association and is in the Adam's Mark Hotel, Denver, Colo. These stamps will officially go on sale nationwide at all post offices on September 20.

The Neuter or Spay stamps portray a male puppy and a female kitten that were photographed in a Connecticut animal shelter while awaiting adoption. Each was subsequently neutered or spayed and adopted into a lov-

ing home. Additionally, the selvage of the pane of 20 stamps features a toll-free telephone number, 1-888-pets911, and a website address www.pets911.com, for customers to obtain additional neuter and spay information.

This release will mark the first issuance of stamps featuring a pet cat and dog since the popular 13-cent stamp of a kitten and puppy issued in 1982 and the Bright Eyes stamps issued in 1998. These are also the first U. S. postage stamps to call attention to the pressing issue of pet overpopulation. The issuance of the stamps is the culmination of a grassroots campaign by thousands of citizens, community leaders, animal health and welfare organizations, veterinarians and celebrities.

The photographs of the puppy and kitten were taken by Sally Andersen-Bruce. Derry Noyes

of Washington, D.C., was the designer and art director for the stamps.

The Postal Service has the support of the American Partnership for Pets (APP), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), and other animal health and welfare groups to promote the issuance of the Neuter or Spay stamps.

To see the stamps, go to www.usps.com/shop. Under "Collector's Corner," click on Release Schedule, or click on Stamp Issues to see images of many past and future stamps. All current stamps and other philatelic products, as well as a free comprehensive catalog, are available by calling toll free 1 800 STAMP-24. In addition, a selection of current stamps and gift items are available online at the Postal Store. ♦



ANIMAL LOVER HAS LIFE SAVING GOAL

Reprint of an article by Scott Craven, The Arizona Republic
Column: SUNDAY PROFILE, May 12, 2002, Section: Valley & State

Ed Boks used to awake at night feeling a needle deeply embedded in his heart, the same needle he'd plunged into the hearts of the dogs and cats he'd euthanized that day.

He was haunted by his duties as a kennel worker in the dark days, when the perceived mission of Maricopa County Rabies and Animal Control was catch and kill.

In the ensuing 17 years, the veil has been lifted. Lethal injections are still administered daily, but the emphasis is on adoptions and population control through sterilization.

The agency now operates a no-kill shelter, a mobile adoption service and spay/neuter clinics that have turned the focus into protecting abandoned pets rather than disposing of them.

As a result, the rate of euthanasia is at an all-time low (6.2 deaths per 1,000 animals, compared to 25 a few years ago), while adoptions have climbed steadily to record levels.

Much of that is because of Boks, though the 50-year-old executive director of the newly christened Maricopa County Animal Care and Control is quick to credit his

staff.

Boks, whose love of animals began when he was growing up in Harper Woods, Mich., worked as a vet's technician from eighth grade through college. In 1985, he cut back on his hours as a pastor at a small church in south Phoenix to join Animal Control as a kennel worker.

His first impressions of the facilities at 35th Avenue and Durango in Phoenix were as dismal as his duties. Dimly lighted kennels lined long, foul-smelling concrete hallways. He realized the atmosphere did nothing to entice potential adopters to visit.

"We were nothing but a pet extermination company," Boks recalled. "It was horrible, and I had a lot of resentment. It was a societal problem, and all the guilt had been transferred to employees."

No duty was more heartbreaking than when he and others started the day by ending dozens of lives. "For a lot of these animals, it was the first time someone had held them, even though they were about to be euthanized," Boks said. "Most had been abused and beaten or left to die in the desert.

"Death was a better fate for some of them, and at least it was administered by someone who cared for them."

Within a few years, Boks quit his job as a pastor to try to change the way Maricopa County treated its pets. He rose through the Animal Control ranks, working with like-minded people to increase adoptions and to limit the use of the needle to animals that were so ill or so aggressive that death was the only alternative.

In 1994, as chief of staff, Boks helped design and build the spay/neuter clinics at each of the county pounds. Boks calls it his "crowning achievement," saying the key to pet overpopulation lies not in adoption or euthanasia, but in sterilization.

Though Boks does not expect the turnaround to happen quickly, he does think Maricopa County can eliminate the killing of healthy animals within five years.

Steps toward the ultimate goal include the 1999 opening of the Pet Adoption Center, the nation's first municipally run no-kill shelter, helping adoptions

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"Congratulations on a great article in the Republic! It sure is nice to see the local interest by the media in the exciting work happening in the animal welfare community.

It can only help us in our efforts to achieve our goals and our mission.

I look forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of the animals that depend on us!"

Cheryl Naumann
President & Chief
Executive Officer
Arizona Humane
Society

Monkey Befriends Puppy

by Sherry Morse

A female monkey that was purchased from a wild animal trader in Dhaka, Bangladesh and is now in a pet shop in the city has made a new friend - a Beagle puppy.

The monkey and puppy spend many hours together hugging and cuddling.

Hunting and selling monkeys is prohibited under Bangladeshi

law, but the regulations are seldom enforced.

Many monkey species are threatened with extinction by hunting. The animals are sought as pets and for use in the conduct of research.

Also threatening monkeys is habitat destruction. Both logging and road construction make not only finding food and shelter more dif-

ficult for the animals, but finding, trapping and killing them easier.

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Lessons in love

Abandoned dogs teach troubled kids to care

By Scott Craven
The Arizona Republic
May 30, 2002 12:00:00

Jon Moran knew his part well. Holding the dog treat to his chest, the 14-year-old looked into the eyes of his dog, Ruby, a diminutive sheltie mix whose world just a month ago was a 3-by 5-foot kennel in an animal shelter.

Ruby knew her part, too, and watched Jon intently as he lowered the treat and coaxed her into the down position.

As the audience in the school cafeteria applauded the small feat, Ruby licking his hands for crumbs, it suddenly occurred to Jon: The one trick he had yet to learn was how to say goodbye.

Learning to care

Jon knew from the day he was handed Ruby's leash that he would play a small part in her life. At the end of the month-long Teaching Love and Compassion program at Mesa's Taylor Junior High, Jon and his partner, Jeremy Page, would hand Ruby to her new owner, or, if a home could not be found, she'd go back to the shelter.

But the inevitable parting was too far away to be a concern. There was much excitement as the 12 students chosen to participate met the six homeless dogs they would train. With luck, each animal would have a family to go to when the program concluded at the end of April.

The program, conducted jointly by Mesa Public Schools and Maricopa County Animal Care

and Control, also would benefit the students, each of whom faced emotional, psychological and social challenges. Students would find out how to care for another living thing while learning a little bit about themselves.

And this April morning, as the program culminated with a graduation ceremony, students let go of the leash for the last time. Many were too lost in the moment to remember the encouraging words of their teacher Pat Policastro: "Sometimes doing something good hurts, and the more good it does, the more it can hurt."

It was the second time the program was offered to students in Policastro's class for emotionally disabled students.

Her class was chosen because Policastro, in addition to having 18 years of experience with special-needs kids, often brought one of her pet Dobermans to class to help relate to the students. The dog was allowed to roam freely, connecting with the youths on a level no person can.

"I always want the kids to be greeted by someone who is happy they're there," Policastro said. "And there are some days I just can't do that. But my Dobie is right there, welcoming them and licking their hands."

The right dog

Gary DiGeronimo knew what to look for while searching for six dogs suitable for the TLC program at Taylor.

DiGeronimo, an animal behaviorist contracted to help run the program with Julie Bank, director of public programs for Animal Care and Control, roamed the aisles of the county's Pet Adoption Center looking for candidates. Each dog had to be healthy and work well with others. Simply put, the kind

of animal prompting him to say, "I can't believe someone gave up on this dog."

Within a few hours he had his selections, ranging from the calm and easygoing Ruby to rough-and-tumble Chance, a Rottweiler-mastiff mix who was quite happy to lean his 80-pound frame against the nearest set of legs and who was, DiGeronimo summed up, "one big galoot of a dog."

For the next 20 school days, these dogs would work an hour a day with a dozen kids molded over the years by life's imperfections, perhaps difficult home lives, or verbal and emotional abuse, or even chemical imbalances in the brain.

After each training session, the dogs would be put back in their crates (to be picked up by their foster parents at the end of the school day) and the students would talk about how to treat animals as well as people.

"You should be nice to dogs, but you should be nice to people too," said Wes Jefferies, 13, after a lesson on how a harsh tone of voice affects animals and people the same way. "A dog is scared if you're yelling, but a person can be hurt more because he can also understand what you're saying." No one in the program assumed that four weeks of dog training could turn around these kids' lives. But it was believed it could turn them in a new direction, leading to a ripple effect that might touch their lives for years.

Good things were clearly evident the first time the program was offered at Taylor in late 2001, when 12 kids shared an experience they would not soon forget.

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"I do the best I know how, the very best I can; and I mean to keeep doing it to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."
Abraham Lincoln

"The article was wonderful. You and your staff do so much with so little. Keep up the exceptional work that sets the standard to be met..."
Mary Harden
MIHS

Benji Winners...

AC&C, The American Humane Association, and Benji Movies are pleased to announce the winners of the Benji Art and Essay Contest. "The purpose of the contest was to heighten awareness about the problem of pet over-population in the Phoenix area," says Joe Camp, Benji Creator. "Each of these young people have done an amazing job in highlighting the needs of shelter pets."

Award Ceremonies were held at each of the winners' schools on the following days and times:

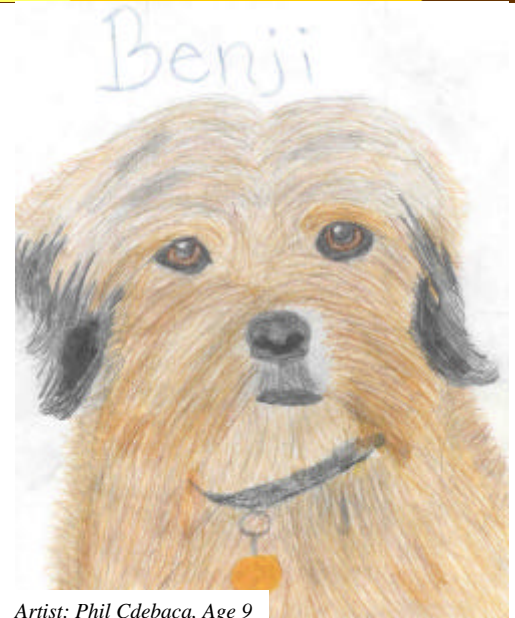
Winner: Phil Cdebaca age 9

Where: Zuni Elementary School, 9181 E. Redfield Rd., Scottsdale

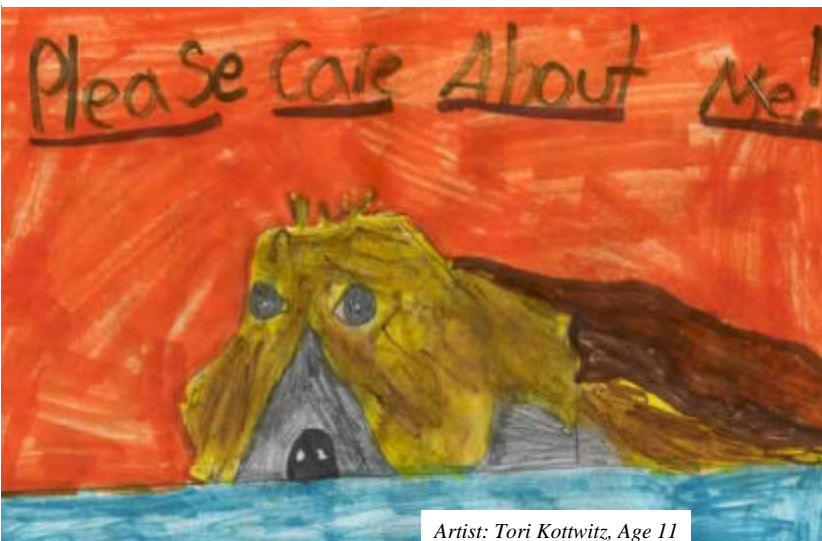
Winner: Tori Kottwitz age 11

Where: Kyrene Akimel A-Al Middle School, 2720 E. Liberty Ln., Phoenix

Winners received tickets to the opening day for the new Benji movie, a full set of Benji movies and books, and an autographed photo of Benji. Benji herself will visit each of the winners' schools in August. ♦



Artist: Phil Cdebaca, Age 9



Artist: Tori Kottwitz, Age 11

Animal shelters are great places to get pets. Pets are good, great to play with, and are very fun and interesting. At an animal shelter you can get any kind of pet and any breed. Animal shelters are also great places to buy pets, because pets are well taken care of and strong hearted. At animal shelters pets learn how to get along, and know how to get along with other breeds. Pets from everywhere learn how to love families of animals as well as us, by living with a family of animals. Pets of all shapes and sizes gather in an animal shelter and learn how to befriend on another. Just like humans. In an animal shelter animals learn to eat, drink, and take care of themselves. Animals at animal shelters are always gentle and caring, and they almost always respect their owners. Animals that you just pick up off the street are not always the nicest animals and usually never respect their owners. Animal shelters get more and more animals every year.

If we start buying animals from animal shelters there will be more room for animals that are very sick and need medical treatment. We can save our animals from pain and disgrace, and save them from losing their lives. Animals don't have the right to die: all it takes is one voice to take a stand. Thousands of animals die every day from car accidents and because one family wouldn't take one animal home with them. If you get my point you see how good and important it is to buy animals from animal shelters. We the people could save innocent lives from being put down to rest or being run over by cars. If learn to love animals and animals learn to love, the world would be a better place. We especially need to be one after the attacks on the United States. Due to this conclusion I hope you will now realize how important it is for us to buy animals from animal shelters from now on. THANK YOU!

Tori Kottwitz

I think its a good idea to adopt a stray so the dog has a home. Animals in the pound and shelters deserve more than a cage. They deserve a yard to run in and a real owner. People that adopt strays or lost strays have poor manners for animals. Strays should be fed every morning and every night. They should always have fresh water. These strays have no home just think if you didn't

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We all need help. So Please Help Us All! We can really use a real owner and house to make our lives better. That's why need to help strays. So please do us a favor. HELP US! Thank you

love,
Benji

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"I read the article this morning, it brought both joy and a lump in my throat. Well done AC&C."

Michael and Kristin Owens

"Ok, that was a tear-jerker. But what a great program! I'm jealous."

Diane Webber

Executive Director
Kindred Spirits Animal
Sanctuary, Tacoma,
Washington

"An outstanding and touching accomplishment.

Your budget should be doubled so you can do more of this. The County could chalk up the money as a commitment to world peace, one troubled person at a time."

Bill Nastasiak
Training/Development
Specialist
MCDOT

"I've been working with these kinds of kids for 18 years, and I've never seen a program impact them as much as this class with dogs," Policastro said. "The kids understood they did something good. They so rarely have the chance to see the good result from something they did."

Making friends

The days began the same way, each two-person team retrieving its dog from the crate and sitting quietly on a mat, petting and massaging the animals to calm them before training began.

The quiet time had the same effect on the students. Walking into Policastro's room during first hour, a visitor would have found it hard to believe some of these kids are prone to threats or violence, that others suffer uncontrollable outbursts that make them unsuitable classmates.

Jon lay quietly next to Ruby, stroking the sheltie around her neck and chest.

"Good dog, good Ruby," he cooed as the dog wagged her tail slowly in appreciation.

Ruby's deep brown eyes stare into Jon's, neither dog nor boy knowing how much they had in common.

Ruby was turned in to the Maricopa County animal shelter for reasons that were never recorded by the employees. Somehow, someone could no longer live with this gentle dog.



Cori Takemoto Williams/ The Arizona Republic

Jon Moran, 14, gives Ruby, a sheltie mix, a scratch behind the ears. After caring for the dogs for a month, students must say goodbye.

Jon certainly did not understand it.

"I don't like that somebody just kicked her out on the streets," he said. "She's so calm and nice. I'd keep her forever."

Jon, too, was trying to find his place in the world. As a child in Nebraska, his parents gave him to his grandmother to raise because they didn't have the means to support him. He still lives with his grandmother, rarely seeing his mom and dad, who remain in Omaha.

Jon is prone to emotional and, at times, violent outbursts. One reason, said special education teacher Teri Schulte, whom Jon sees for half the day, is his "issues with abandonment."

But just two weeks into the TLC program, Schulte said she saw wonderful improvements in

Jon's behavior. Schulte said Jon was more focused on his work and not so easily frustrated. She added that Jon, who loved to talk about his cat, Sam, had suddenly become a dog person.

"He has to work through his demons and emotions," Schulte said. "He's struggled when he's had to work with other kids, but I can tell he's having fun."

One example was clear at the end of the first week. Jon, who lives more than a mile away, had missed his bus. Rather than stay home, he started to walk. (A security employee was dispatched and picked him up.)

"I didn't want to miss school," Jon said, pausing briefly. "I really didn't want to miss Ruby."

His behavior has improved at home as well. The first words out of Jon's mouth when he ar-

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AC&C creates happiness by bringing pets and people together!

Boris

Ruby

Kandi

Chance

Bond

Tony



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rived home each day usually had something to do with Ruby, said Josephine Moran, his grandmother.

"You would have thought he spent the whole day with the dog instead of just an hour," Moran said. "He just loved seeing her."

Lessons learned

TLC's impact cannot be measured with grades or test scores. The tools typically used to gauge success in school do not apply to a program that is the first of its kind in Maricopa County.

That was why, nearing the end of the four weeks, teachers look for the small things.

There was Ryan, 13, a boy with an aversion to touch, who by the end of the program is petting Bond, a dog he was hesitant to approach a month ago.

There was Thomas, 14, who for the first few days sat quietly and refused to interact. On graduation day, he is among the most talkative.

There was Andy, 14, who would not raise his head to answer questions and yet spoke to an audience of nearly 50 people to tell them about his dog.

There was Tyler, 13, who had spoken of abusing animals and by the program's end had befriended the family dog that had once run from him.

There was Ryen, 14, a tough kid who refused to let on to his feelings until he said a tearful goodbye to Kandi, a friendly Welsh corgi who gladly licked away the tears.

And there was Jon, who took from the program not only love for a dog, but an awareness of compassion, and that you can let go of something without feeling you'd abandoned it.

"I'm going to miss Ruby a lot," Jon said. "But she has a good home. That's the most important thing."

The right thing

The graduation was over, and Policastro's students were setting

up the cafeteria for lunch. Most of the new owners had left with their dogs; the kids were left to their feelings.

In their hearts, they knew they had done the right thing.

Two students walked their dog (to them, it would always be "their dog") to the parking lot, then waved goodbye as the dog hopped into the adoptive couple's car, a leap as practiced as if she'd been doing it all her life.

A few others returned to Policastro's classroom where class assignments would soon await them. And a few sat quietly, sifting through feelings that four weeks ago they'd not believed could exist.

Jon, having finished his piece of the celebratory cake and having said goodbye to his grandmother, who'd attended the festivities, looked back on his time with Ruby.

"I had dreams about her," he said. "The only thing I remember is being in danger and that she was there to save me." ♦

Did
Is a word of achievement,

Won't
Is a word of retreat,

Might
Is a word of bereavement,

Can't
Is a word of defeat,

Ought
Is a word of duty,

Try
Is a word each hour,

Will
Is a word of beauty,

Can
Is a word of power.

ARF Makes Spay Day HUGE Success!

By Diann Meiller

Thanks to a **\$10,000 donation** from **Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)** and the hard work of volunteers from both ARF and AC&C, the County's **Big Fix Spay Day** was a huge community success.

On May 25, twelve ARF and twenty-three AC&C volunteers worked side-by-side AC&C staff to spay and neuter 200 animals!

Volunteers did everything from check-in to recovery to issuing licenses and rabies certificates.

Special thanks to **Denise Gangi, John Cereck, and Kelly Damron** for wading through the necessary paperwork to make Spay Day a

success.

Pets were brought in by their guardians for sterilization, low-cost vaccinations, and other services.

Like a rock concert, pet guardians began lining up at 10:30 p.m. the night before the event! People in line were even excited to help. One in-line "volunteer" at the East Valley clinic decided around **2 a.m.** to start taking down everyone's name, type of animal, sex of animal, and arrival order to help the check-in team. "This is so great," she said, "I wanted to do something that might help the people who are working to

make this happen".

Unfortunately, hundreds of pet guardians were turned away but they were given information on the next **Big Fix Spay Day**, scheduled for **August 24th**, (provided the necessary funding is donated), as well as an application for the Big Fix Low-Income program designed for those receiving public assistance.

If you would like to help make the next Big Fix Spay Day a success **Team Spay Pay**, a group of community volunteers working with Friends of Animal Care & Control (FACCs) are hosting a raffle and auction.



You can even make a donation to support Big Fix Spay Days on-line at <http://www.azdragonmaster.com/spay.htm> or call Julie Bank at 602-506-3471.

If you would like to volunteer at our next Big Fix Spay Day or any of our other volunteer positions, please contact Diann Meiller at 602-506-8133 or at dmeiller@mail.maricopa.gov.

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Animal Lover's Life Saving Goal...

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climb 25 percent within the first year.

Animal Control also operates a mobile adoption center, a kennel-equipped bus bringing cats and dogs to those who might not think about finding a pet through the county.

"It's as much about educating the public than anything else," Boks said. "If the community were given the chance to do the right thing, like saving an animal as opposed to buying one (from a pet shop or breeder), they would do it."

The next goal is to operate a mobile spay/neuter clinic.

Boks sees it this way: For one fewer carcass in a landfill, a dog is fetching a tennis ball for his smiling 7-year-old master, or a cat is curled under a sunbeam streaming through a bedroom window.

"We want to educate the community as to its responsibility to its animals," Boks said. "Pets are not disposable items." ♦

Rabies Update

Arizona appears to be in a rabies epizootic mode. In April 2002, the state recorded the highest number of rabid animals in a one-month period ever. Fortunately, May has been slower. So far this year (January 1- June 4) there have been 72 animals confirmed with rabies statewide. That compares to 68 animals at this time last year, and a 10-year median of 24 animals for the same time-period.

The 2002 rabid animal breakdown by county is:
Cochise: 1 bat, 10 skunk, 1 fox
Gila: 1 fox
Graham: 2 bat, 1 fox
Maricopa: 3 bat
Pima: 3 skunk, 7 bat, 4 fox, 1 dog
Santa Cruz: 26 skunk
Yavapai: 1 bat, 8 fox, 3 llama ♦



HELP

Calling all foster caregivers - AC&C needs your help! Puppy and kitty season is here.

In addition to orphaned puppies and kitties, we desperately need foster caregivers for momma dogs and their pups, dogs with kennel cough, cats with upper respiratory infections and injured animals.

If you want to have a sometimes messy and always rewarding experience with animals who need your help, please call the foster care coordinator at 602-506-2731.

